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**Via ECF**

Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Court, Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square, Room 2201  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *Patellos, et al. v. Hello Products, LLC*, No. 19 Civ. 9577 (PAE) (SDA)  
**Joint Letter Requesting Referral to Magistrate Judge Stewart Aaron  
for Settlement Conference and Stay of Discovery**

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

Plaintiffs Sarah Patellos and Eric Fishon (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Hello Products, LLC (“Hello”) (together, “the Parties”) in the above-captioned pending alleged consumer class action jointly write to respectfully request that the Court refer the Parties to Magistrate Judge Stewart Aaron for a settlement conference, and stay these proceedings including discovery pending that conference or further order of this Court.

As of the date of this letter, the Parties have exchanged informal discovery and served formal written discovery requests.

The Parties also engaged in informal discussions regarding a possible settlement. In furtherance of those discussions, counsel for both sides met in person, exchanged damages and liability analysis and agree that a settlement conference might assist the Parties in reaching a resolution, and therefore jointly request that the Court refer the Parties to Magistrate Judge Stewart Aaron for a settlement conference. We understand from Judge Aaron’s clerk that he is available within the next sixty (60) days for such a conference. The Parties exchanged their available dates and will move forward to schedule a settlement conference expeditiously.

In order to avoid the expense and time of further discovery, including document production and depositions (parties and experts) and to allow the Parties to focus on reaching a resolution, the Parties request that, in addition to referring this action to Judge Aaron for a settlement conference, the Court also stay these proceedings, including discovery, for sixty days

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(60) or until such time as the Parties' settlement efforts conclude, or as directed by Magistrate Judge Aaron or by further order of this Court.

The Parties thank the Court for its time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Court will refer this matter to Judge Aaron for settlement, and stay all deadlines for 60 days. The parties should not, however, expect this stay to be extended. SO ORDERED.

October 14, 2021

  
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PAUL A. ENGELMAYER  
United States District Judge